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SERVANT GIRL SETS FIRE TO RESIDENCE

Jennie Bristow Breaks Down in Magistrate's Hearing and Confesses Crime.

HAD JUST BEEN DISCHARGED

Home of H. Carter Redd, in Hanover, Is Total Loss, With Partial Insurance.

G. W. Scott, a special agent of the State Insurance Commissioner, returned to the city last night from Hanover county, having traced the source of what is believed to be one of the most heinous crimes ever committed in that locality, and having secured the confession of Jennie Bristow, a young colored woman, who acknowledged setting fire to the home of H. Carter Redd, located about one mile from Beaver Dam Station. The family is one of the most prominent in that section. The girl was tried before a magistrate's court yesterday morning, and was remanded to the Hanover jail to await trial at the September term of the Circuit Court. She broke down during the hearing, and had to be restrained from the courtroom. Mr. Redd's home, which was one of the handsomest in the county, was burned Monday afternoon, July 25, while Mr. Redd was away, and his wife and two children were asleep in the house. The charge against the girl is incendiarism, and the penalty may be either death in the electric chair or life imprisonment.

Wife Discovers Fire.

Mrs. Redd was awakened by the smell of smoke, and discovered the fire on the kitchen stairway and in a closet. Conflicting statements made by the girl, and other facts in the case, led to her being suspected, and Mr. Redd reported the case to the Commissioner of Insurance, who promptly by sending Mr. Scott to the scene. The loss was complete, nothing being saved except a few chairs and a kitchen stove. The property was insured in the Virginia State Insurance Company for \$5,000, but this will not cover the loss.

Mr. Redd yesterday gave the following statement of the case to a reporter for The Times-Dispatch:

"On Sunday, July 23, Mrs. Redd and the children went over to my father's home, but I was poorly and stayed at home. While sitting in my office, I heard the hired girl, Jennie Bristow, come in at the back door and go upstairs to her room and in a few minutes come down barefooted. She evidently thought we had both gone away and forgotten to lock the back door, as Mrs. Redd left the key hanging outside when she left.

"I heard the girl opening and shutting the drawers to an old secretary in the hall, and I got up and went noisily to the hall door just in time to see the girl turn and go into my wife's room. I heard her opening and shutting the bureau drawers, and creeping to the door of the room I saw her go carefully through them. I ordered her out.

"There was no fire in the stove, the house was built of brick, and I never allowed any matches to be about the place except safety matches. These facts led me to put the case in the hands of the commissioner. Mr. Scott worked up the case thoroughly, and the confession at the magistrate's trial was the result."

Mr. Redd was elected principal of the school by the Western Branch School Board of Norfolk county. Mr. Redd was formerly connected with the Richmond public schools.

TWO PLAYGROUNDS ARE NOW RUNNING

Some Claim Success for Municipal Experiment, While Others Charge Failure.

As the net result of an ordinance adopted by the City Council on January 24, providing for the establishment and maintenance of seven playgrounds in different parts of the city, two have so far been opened by the Council committee to which the matter was referred, while three others are being operated by the Federation of Mothers' Clubs, the only aid given by the city from the \$5,000 appropriation made in the budget being \$100 each for the purchase of equipment. The Civic Improvement League, which last year operated a playground at Nineteenth and Main Streets, has this year left the field to the municipality.

The Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings, after working over plans for six months, succeeded in opening a playground in Fulton, on Williamsburg Avenue, near Gillie's Creek, and one on Monroe Street, in old Jackson Ward, near Shockoe Creek.

Property has been leased in each instance, put in order by the hands and carts of the City Engineer's department, and more or less equipped, with two salaried keepers at each place. In fact, the salaried keepers were provided before there were playgrounds.

The committee has so far been unable to find a satisfactory site to be used in lieu of the Seabrook Warehouse property, lying idle and condemned, but which the Council has so far declined to permit to be used for any purpose. An appropriation of \$2,000 was set apart for a playground "between Eighteenth and Twenty-fifth and Franklin Streets," but no available lot in this section has been offered. The proposed Madison Ward playground on North Tenth Street also had to be abandoned, the cost of grading and leveling would be prohibitive. Members of the committee in charge and advocates of playgrounds claim that the appropriation was inadequate for proper equipment and maintenance, while members of the Finance Committee are open in their statements that the showing made by municipal playgrounds this season has not been such as to encourage an increased appropriation next year.

Stole One Small Drink.

Julius Becker, colored, was arrested last night on a charge of stealing a drink of whiskey from H. E. Griffin.

Allie Burton, colored, was arrested on a charge of stealing a package of laundry from Sam Lung, a son of fat Cathay.

Ordered the Girl Away.

"She went to her room, packed her clothes and came down and sat on the back steps. Mrs. Redd came a few minutes later and upon being told what had happened, ordered the girl to go home. She left with her bundles. The next morning I left on the early train, about 6 o'clock. The girl arrived a little while afterward, and walked into the house. She told Mrs. Redd that her mother had whipped her and sent her back to stay until she could come herself later in the day. About 2 o'clock the fire was discovered.

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NOTICE RESULT OF SPIE, SAYS BRIDE

Mrs. Thwing Declares Advertisement of Marriage to Spier an Absolute Falsehood.

SAYS SPIER IS OLD FRIEND

He Was a Witness to Her Marriage to Thwing on Saturday.

Reports from New York last night state that Charles Thwing, who was married Saturday afternoon to Miss Carrie Lee Yerby, formerly of 819 North Twenty-seventh Street, this city, has postponed his honeymoon trip in the effort to locate and bring to justice the person who inserted in the New York papers on the day of his marriage a paid advertisement stating that Miss Yerby was married in New York on July 6, 1906, to Joseph Newell Spier. Both the Thwings and Mr. Spier are inclined to think that it was meant as a practical joke, but they do not intend to take it as one, if they can get hold of the right person.

When shown the announcement of her alleged marriage to Spier, Mrs. Thwing was indignant. She said she was in New York at the time named in the advertisement, but that she was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Thwing with whom she was living at the time.

"I never was married before," she said, "and the statement that Mr. Spier and myself were married a year ago is, of course, an absolute falsehood. I think the announcement to that effect was put in under false pretenses by some one who wanted to be spiteful. There are some people in this city who do such a thing."

As soon as Mr. and Mrs. Thwing have made some investigation of the advertisement they will leave for the Adirondacks.

FOUND HALF STARVED

Thomas Hayes, Picked Up by Police, Weakened by Days of Hunger.

Thomas Hayes, a white man, was found half dead in a small tract of woods in the county outside of the Richmond Locomotive Works Sunday afternoon, and was taken to the First Police Station by an officer of that district. The man was almost starved, and was exhausted when discovered. It is said that he had had nothing to eat for three days. The city ambulance was summoned, and Hayes was taken to the City Hospital, where yesterday he was said to be getting on well.

The man was thought at first to be Williamson, the man wanted in Petersburg on a warrant charging him with poisoning his wife. Police scoured the woods until they found him.

EVER SEE A GREEN MOUSE?

Well-Known Contractor Describes Weird Animal.

Have you seen a green mouse with a pink ribbon necktie? One of the most prominent contractors in the city affirms that he saw such a sight not long ago in broad daylight at the corner of Grace and Adams Streets. He says the mouse, not unnaturally, seemed to be the worse for his color, was weak and staggering, as if it had been painted with the emerald tint, and was feeling very badly indeed as a result of its coat of a single color. It moved slowly, and was some time in the view of the contractor. There is no doubt, however, that it was brilliantly green, and that it had a pink ribbon tied around its neck in one of the very prettiest of bows. Moreover, the contractor affirmed that he had seen with the boys the night before, either!

PREPARING FOR SCHOOLS

City School Board Arranging for Increased Enrollment of Scholars.

At a meeting of the City School Board held last night preparations for the coming session were made. The business was confined mostly to making contracts for fixtures and other supplies for the session. It is expected that more scholars will register this fall than have ever been in the books, and arrangements are being made accordingly. Improvements of an extensive character will be made to take care of the increase and to better the system generally.

Governor Passes Through.

Governor Swanson spent yesterday in his office at the Capitol, having come to the city Sunday night from the White Sulphur Springs, where, with Mrs. Swanson, he is spending his vacation. The Governor will leave today for Rocky Mount, where tomorrow he will deliver an address at the unveiling of a Confederate monument.

He will return to the White Sulphur Springs the latter part of the week, and will remain there until about September 1.

THREE CITIES PLAN GREAT ORCHESTRA

Carl Bernthaler May Lead Musical Organization of Washington, Baltimore and Richmond.

With musical leaders of three great cities—Washington, Baltimore and Richmond—united, plans are now on foot to organize a festival orchestra that will rival the great Pittsburgh orchestra. The only question now at issue is that of raising a sufficient guarantee fund, for such an aggregation can only be run under guarantee.

Even before preliminary plans have been perfected, it has been decided by the promoters of the big scheme that the leader shall be Carl Bernthaler, who for several seasons has so successfully and satisfactorily conducted the Pittsburgh Festival Orchestra on the Hotel Schenley lawn.

Mr. Bernthaler, who has an international reputation, is especially well known and popular in this city, where he has appeared several times in connection with the Wednesday Club's performances and other musical events.

Enthusiasm over the prospect of having this great musical organization is high in this city, and is said to be no less in Washington and Baltimore. Musical leaders both in this and the other cities interested are numbered among the most prominent and well-to-do citizens, which leaves little doubt of difficulty in raising the guarantee fund.

With the installation of the great pipe-organ in the City Auditorium, which is now almost assured, the promoters of the orchestra are confident that the city will be able to gather here would make Richmond one of the greatest musical centers in the United States. Besides local musical organizations and individuals, it is expected that the Chamber of Commerce and other business organizations with the advancement of the city at heart will join heartily in the movement.

DRUGGED MAN ASKS FOR UNDERTAKER

Wilburn Hazelgrove Takes Poison, Then Goes to Funeral Director's Place.

After having attempted suicide by taking two ounces of laudanum last night, Wilburn Hazelgrove, of 703 North Venice, Barton Heights, was taken to Lewis's drugstore, 4 East Broad Street, to Billy's undertaking establishment, 300 East Marshall Street, and there, almost in the doorway, fell to the ground. Assistants at the stable saw him fall, and immediately ran to his aid. When they noticed his stupefied condition some one telephoned for the city ambulance, and Dr. Collier responded. Heroic treatment was resorted to at once, and then Hazelgrove was hurried to the City Hospital, where he was walked up and down and beaten, as is usual with such cases, for half the night. At 2 o'clock this morning hopes were held out for his recovery, though the doctors had been forced to go through a hard siege so as to assure themselves.

Hazelgrove bought the opiate in Lewis's drugstore, and it is supposed that he drank it as soon as he got on the outside of the store.

Then he made a bee-line for the undertaking establishment, presumably to save the expense of funeral transportation. He was exhausted and drowsy from the effects of the drug when he arrived, and sat down on a dry goods box. But he was too far gone to maintain his position, and fell, the fall arousing people at the stables.

Hazelgrove had lately been working in a machine shop in Baltimore. He is a young, unmarried, middle-aged man, who had been in the case for his act, but the drugged man refused to talk, other than to say that he had no sweetheart, intending to convey the impression that it was not marital disagreements which had driven him to this last resort.

His brother in Barton Heights was informed of the affair, but it was some time before he could get to the City Hospital for the night.

NOMINATE CHARLES FOR TOWN COUNCIL

Highland Park Citizens' Association Disregards Protest of Howard Whitlock.

Disregarding the protest brought by Howard Whitlock, a candidate for the Town Council in awarding the contract for drawing plans and specifications for the new water-works to Colonel C. P. E. Burgwyn, the Highland Park Citizens' Association, at its meeting last night, ignored what the Council had done, and passed a resolution that Mr. Whitlock take his protest to that body in person.

Forty-five members of the association were present and aside from the action in the Whitlock matter, many questions of interest were discussed and settled. Of special importance was the discussion aroused from presentation of the plan for the playground committee, which, in substance, was that an option had been secured on a piece of property on Fourth Avenue.

The sentiment of the meeting favored playgrounds, and a resolution was passed to ask the Council to look into the advisability of that body's authorizing the purchase of a site.

G. Quarles was nominated by the association to succeed J. T. Goodwin as a member of the Council. There were three names up for consideration—those of W. G. Quarles, John J. Connelly and William H. Holladay. Mr. Quarles was selected on the first ballot. T. J. Dancy and George Everett were chosen members of the association.

Just before adjournment, a resolution was passed denouncing anonymous communications or otherwise to newspapers in criticism of the acts of Council.

GOOD HIGHWAYS ARE IN SIGHT

Capital-to-Capital Route Taking on Aspect of Reality.

AN ENDURANCE CONTEST

It Will Come Off Some Time Next Winter, Probably in January.

The North and the South will soon be united by good roads. The capital-to-capital highway between the sections is beginning to take on the aspect of a reality. The papers of all the Southern and many of the Northern States are filled with matter on this important topic, proving that this is a campaign which involves the prosperity of the people everywhere.

Leonard Tufts, whose good roads, built near Pinehurst, N. C., set a model for other localities, has, as president of the Capital Highway Association, issued a circular, in which he declares that steps are to be taken immediately to improve the worst links in the chain of roadways stretching from city to city along the capital route. He wishes to raise a fund of \$30,000 by popular subscription from the people in the different counties through which the road will pass. If the road falls to pass through any counties from which subscriptions have been received, the amount of the subscription will be promptly refunded. A successful extension of this plan will result in a uniform and continuous roadway.

It has already been decided that there shall be an endurance contest between some points north of Washington and Jacksonville. This contest will probably take in that portion of the Capital Highway Association route between Washington and Augusta, and will come off some time next winter, probably in January. It is the intention of the papers who have agreed to establish the contest to make a tour in automobiles next October, each paper sending a representative and a machine over the entire route. At some city along the highway they will hold a meeting and decide as to the location of the route, and it is, therefore, essential that every town and county improve the roads before October 1, in order that its section may stand a chance of being selected.

All this is of deep interest to Virginians, for the route will pass through many counties and cities of the Old Dominion. Virginia is expected to have not only the best good roads section of the highway, but more than that, it is believed that the roads over the western part of the highway and of the highway, all taken together, should make the State a model for all others. It is a time when it may be truly said in connection with better thoroughfares, "Virginia expects every county to do its duty."

From Botetourt county comes another endorsement of the reform from W. P. Crumpacker, chairman of the Board of Supervisors for that county: "The first thought that I wish to put before the readers of your paper is that our good mother State will never come to the front until we have better roads. The sooner we wake up to that fact, the sooner we will be released of the burden of a 'mud tax.' "Of what good is it to raise a road tax if we cannot get to it? Of what good are our country roads if we cannot get over them with a decent load?"

City's Health Reported Good.

Routine matters were taken up by the Board of Health at a meeting held last night. In the absence of Dr. Levy, Dr. Foster reported that the department from different sections of the city showed conditions to be admirable. Only ninety cases of typhoid were reported, the number of fatalities being normal.

Roy W. Carter Here.

Roy W. Carter, of Orange, Va., was in the city yesterday on business connected with the Orange post-office. While here he visited several friends.

DAVIE USES ONE VOTE BY RECOUNT

Throckmorton Increases Lead for Legislature When Ballots Are Recounted.

At the request of Thomas P. Davie, a candidate for the House of Delegates from Henrico county in the recent primary, a recount of the legislative vote was made by the County Democratic Committee yesterday afternoon. The result of the recount was a confirmation of the nomination of Charles W. Throckmorton by a majority of 15 votes—one more than was originally awarded him.

Both candidates were at the court house for the meeting. Mr. Throckmorton expressing the same confidence of his election that he had held through the canvass, and Mr. Davie not certain that the recount would change the result, though determined to be absolutely sure.

"It was understood," said Mr. Davie before the committee was called to order, "that in asking for this recount, I have no charges of unfairness or dishonesty to make."

"My only reason in calling the matter to the attention of the committee is to verify the figures. They were so close that it is natural to suppose slight errors in one or two precincts might change the result. I shall have nothing to say when the committee has verified the count."

Throckmorton's main strength was in the country districts, especially Barton Heights, where he polled 110 votes to Davie's 68. Mr. Davie expected to offset this by polling a heavier vote in the city. He said yesterday that he would have led by a good majority, had it not been for the fact that the heavy rain that afternoon prevented many of the farmers from going to the polls. Though his lead is smaller than he expected before the primary, Mr. Throckmorton is very well satisfied, considering the fight made against him. He leaves for Hot Springs to-night to attend the meeting of the Bar Association.

Eleven Dollars

buys the choice of hundreds of our Light and Medium Weight Suits which sold up to \$25. It's an August Clearance Sale.

Gans-Rady Company

GENERAL TRANSFERS BEGIN ON SUNDAY

ABOLISH OFFICE OF TAX COLLECTOR

Lynch Ordinance Proposes Devolving Duties of Position on City Treasurer.

The Council Committee on Finance will take up at a special meeting this week the paper introduced at the last meeting of the Common Council by Councilman John J. Lynch, looking to the abolition of the position of Collector of City Taxes, and devolving the duties of the position on the City Treasurer. Since the office is provided for in the charter of the city, it is obvious that any change should be decided by the Council to be desirable, must be made by legislative enactment. The proposed Lynch resolution directs the Committee on Finance, with the aid of the City Attorney, to appear before the next General Assembly and secure changes in the charter of the city, to accomplish the purpose referred to.

It is pointed out that the city now has a Treasurer, who holds and pays out all city funds, and an Auditor, who audits the accounts of the City Auditor. The Collector of Taxes is admittedly little more than a receiver of taxes, receiving payment for current tax bills and licenses of all kinds, and turning the money over to the Treasurer at stated intervals, deducting a commission for "collection."

There is also a "Collector of Delinquent Taxes," to whom are turned over such bills as are not paid to the collector or receiver of taxes, and who receives a larger commission for collection. The Council has recently adopted an ordinance providing for the employment of deputy collectors of delinquent taxes, with a commission of 25 per cent. of the amount taken in.

The Treasurer of the city is paid an annual salary by the city, receiving in addition commissions from State funds and taxes in his custody. The State and city offices being much intermingled, it is the belief of the patron of the ordinance that by the addition of a sufficient number of clerks in the Treasurer's office, the office of Collector of City Taxes could be abolished, with a consequent saving to the city of fees and commissions.

The bulk of city taxes are paid on certain specified dates in the year, previous to the monthly being added to the date were so arranged as not to conflict with the payment of gas and water bills, now paid at the Treasurer's office, it is argued that there would be no congestion in that office. There is no more reason for a separate collector of taxes than for a separate collector or receiver of gas and water bills. Of course, no charter change of this character would become operative until the placing of the term of the present collector of taxes. Opposition from officeholders generally is anticipated, both on account of the abolition of a well-paid position, and on account of the placing of additional work on another city official.

Will Save Time.

Aside from everything else, the system will greatly lessen the time it takes to go about town. The hungry father, in many instances, will get home to his midday meal from five to ten minutes earlier, and may add this time to his evening meal, and save time to the business man, who often sees cars pass and has to remain standing on the corner until the right one comes along. Every class of citizen will be benefited.

The transfer will all be one color—green—and will be much less confusing to strangers than at present.

Finger Cut Off.

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Fire in Pine Street.

A fire alarm was rung in yesterday afternoon from 528 South Pine Street, near the corner of Spring, where a house formerly occupied by Mrs. N. V. Robertson, who conducted a dry goods store there, caught fire. Two engines and a truck company responded, and the blaze was soon extinguished.

A Certain Way

To arrive at correct conclusions is by "personal experience"

The public has proven for over a decade that

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For health's sake—the joy of feeling well—suppose you try a "personal experiment"—say, Grape-Nuts every morning for ten days.

Universal System to Be Put Into Use All Over Richmond.

CONVENIENCE TO PUBLIC

Last Vestige of Old Two-Company System to Disappear.

With the inauguration of the single-transfer system on all lines of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, which becomes effective next Sunday, all the inconveniences of transportation under which street car employees and the public have labored since the Richmond Traction Company started its lines on Broad Street will be wiped away. The new transfers are here, and the conductors are being given lessons in punching in order that there may be no hitch on the first day.

The adoption of the new system will mean that the litigation now pending in the United States courts, under which the city of Richmond attempted to compel the Virginia Passenger and Power Company to adopt the single system, will be thrown out of court. Aside from inconvenience, the double system has, perhaps, cost citizens and strangers hundreds of dollars in being compelled to pay two fares, because, in ignorance, a Traction car was taken on a red transfer, or a Passenger and Power car boarded on a blue slip.

Benefits of the System.

The adoption of the single transfer system is the first great public benefit to be received from the ending of the receivership, and the purchase of the entire property of urban and inter-urban lines by the Gould interests. It is understood that one reason for delay in pressing the trial of the suit brought by the city against the old company was the assurance given that the purchaser of the lines would adopt the single transfer.

Under the system, which will be in working order when people start hustling Sunday morning, a passenger coming from Manchester will be given a green transfer punched east or west on Broad or Main Street, as he desires. There will be no more waiting for an Oakwood and Hollywood car, or a City Street car, or a Main Street car. The transfer punched east will be accepted on all cars going in that direction, and, of course, the same rule will apply on cars going west.

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